

supernatural being. That is the process which has occurred in many areas. When a logical process has made a certain start, it is very important that we examine its foundation and decide to just how great an extent it is valid and where it ceases to be valid.

There are those who say that if you leave New York on a train and you find that your train is heading for Pittsburgh when you want to go to Washington, you must go back to New York and make a new start to get off that track and get on the right track. I think this illustration is utterly erroneous. If you get as far as Harrisburg on a train headed for Pittsburgh and you want to go to Washington, you are much wiser to simply shift to the line that goes from Harrisburg to Washington than to go clear back to New York in order to start over again. That is to say, there are developments that started in a certain direction and you logically go on from there. There are other developments which are not that way and one must determine the nature of the development to know what kind it is.

The term higher criticism, as originally used, did not in itself mean anything wrong. It may be desirable that we study the book of Hebrews to try to decide who wrote it. I do not think this is particularly important, because there is no evidence available. Some people are quite convinced that Paul wrote it and many are quite convinced that Paul did not write it. There is no evidence to prove it, one way or the other. In this life it does not matter who wrote the book of Hebrews, because we know that whoever wrote it was inspired by the Holy Spirit and kept from error as he wrote. That is what matters. It is a part of the Bible that God has given us. It is an interesting study and there are books in which it might be of special value to know who the author is. If you take up the book of Jeremiah it is an important question when the different sections of it were written. In that case, we have evidence in the book itself. It may be that the twenty fifth chapter of Jeremiah was written ten years before the twentieth. If clear evidence about this can be found in the book, it may be helpful in understanding its meaning. Questions of authorship, etc. may be important or may not be. It is always interesting and valuable to study them, provided one is satisfied to stop where the evidence stops. Do not feel you have to go on and make guesses and then become dogmatic about your